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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled):
2. (Canceled):
3. (Canceled):
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9. (Canceled):
10. (Canceled):
11. (Canceled):
12. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or carpet tile as recited in claim 1,~~ A carpet tile, comprising a primary carpet and a cushion layer wherein the primary carpet has a face weight less than or equal to about 15 oz/yd² and wherein the cushion layer has a polymer weight of about 2.72 – 8.24 oz/yd².
13. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or carpet tile as recited in claim 12,~~ wherein said cushion layer includes a polyurethane foam with about 190 parts of filler by weight.

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14. (Currently Amended): The ~~surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~ carpet tile as recited in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the cushion is an unfilled polyurethane.
15. (Currently Amended): The ~~surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, and~~ carpet tile as recited in claim 14, wherein said cushion layer has a density of about 6 lbs./per cubic foot and a polymer weight of about 2.88 — 8.64 oz/yd².
16. (Currently Amended): The ~~surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~ carpet tile as recited in claim 1 claim 12, wherein the cushion layer includes a lightweight cushion having a density of about 6 — 9 lb./cu. ft.
17. (Canceled):
18. (Canceled):
19. (Canceled):
20. (Canceled):
21. (Canceled):
22. (Currently Amended): The ~~surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~ carpet tile as recited in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, further comprising a reinforcing material embedded in said cushion layer.
23. (Currently Amended): The ~~surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~ carpet tile as recited in claim 22, wherein said cushion layer is about 0.04 — 0.12 inches thick.

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24. (Canceled):
25. (Canceled):
26. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~
carpet tile as recited in claim 1 claim 12, wherein the ~~low face weight~~ primary carpet is
made from yarns of 1000 – 1700 denier.
27. (Canceled):
28. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~
carpet tile as recited in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the ~~low face weight~~ primary carpet is
made using a non-heatset single yarn.
29. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~
carpet tile as recited in claim 28, wherein the single yarn has a denier of about 1000-
1400.
30. (Currently Amended): ~~The surface covering, wall covering, flooring, carpet, or~~
carpet tile as recited in claim 29, wherein the low face weight carpet has a non-woven
backing and a latex coating.

Claims 31-139 (Canceled)

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140. (Currently Amended): ~~A surface covering such as flooring, floor covering, carpet, carpet tile, or the like~~ comprising: a ~~low face weight material~~ primary carpet having a face weight of less than about 20 oz/yd², a cushion back, and a Hexapod rating of at least 3.

Claims 141-143 (Canceled)

144. (Currently Amended): ~~A surface covering such as flooring, floor covering, carpet, carpet tile, or the like~~ A carpet tile comprising: a low face weight material having a face weight of less than about 20 oz/yd², a cushion back, and an Appearance Retention Rating (ARR) of at least 3.5 long term and at least 4.0 short term.

145. (Currently Amended): ~~A surface covering such as flooring, floor covering, carpet, carpet tile, or the like~~ A carpet tile comprising: a ~~low face weight material~~ primary carpet having a face weight of less than about 20 oz/yd², a cushion back, and a Hexapod test color change test result of only slight or moderate color change.

146. (Currently Amended): ~~A surface covering such as flooring, floor covering, carpet, carpet tile, or the like~~ A carpet tile comprising: a low face weight material having a face weight of less than about 20 oz/yd², a cushion back, and a Hexapod test pile height retention result of a pile height retention of at least about 74%.

Claims 147-161 (Canceled)